

*CLAIM AMENDMENTS*

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) A method of lithographic printing with a reusable substrate by
  - (a) providing a substrate comprising a support and a base layer which contains a crosslinked hydrophilic binder and a metal oxide;
  - (b) applying one or more layer(s) on the base layer, thereby obtaining an imaging material containing a non-ablative image-recording layer;
  - (c) making a printing master having ink-accepting areas by image-wise exposure of the imaging material to heat or light without substantially removing the image-recording layer and optionally processing the imaging material;
  - (d) printing;
  - (e) removing the ink-accepting areas from the printing master by laser ablation; and
  - (f) repeating steps (b) through (d).
3. (Original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the imaging material contains an image-recording layer which comprises hydrophobic thermoplastic polymer particles or an aryldiazosulfonate polymer.
4. (Original) The method according to claim 2 wherein during step (e) ablation debris and/or fumes are removed by a vacuum device.
5. (Original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the laser is an infrared laser.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the laser is a pulsed laser.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the metal is Ti, Zr, Hf, or a mixture thereof.
8. (Original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the base layer further comprises a hydroxide of the metal.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the support is a plastic support, an aluminum support, or a laminate of a plastic and an aluminum support.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9 wherein the aluminum support is a grained and anodized aluminum support.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein step (f) is repeated at least 5 times.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein step (f) is repeated at least 5 times.

13. (New) The method according to claim 3 wherein during step (e) ablation debris and/or fumes are removed by a vacuum device.

14. (New) The method according to claim 3 wherein the laser is an infrared laser.

15. (New) The method according to claim 3 wherein the laser is a pulsed laser.

16. (New) The method according to claim 3 wherein the metal is Ti, Zr, Hf, or a mixture thereof.

17. (New) The method according to claim 3 wherein the base layer further comprises a hydroxide of the metal.

18. (New) The method according to claim 3 wherein the support is a plastic support, an aluminum support, or a laminate of a plastic and an aluminum support.